(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the guilty employees?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (c) A case under Sections 376-D/34 IPC has been registered against two employees of AIIMS by the Defence Colony Police Station. Both the employees, namely Shri Jaipal Singh, Dark Room Assistant Gr. II and Shri Patric, Medical Record Assistant Gr. II allegedly involved in the case have been placed under suspension on 10-06-2003.

Professional blood donors

2756. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that professional blood donors are donating blood in various hospitals in Delhi by posing themselves as relatives of the patients;

(b) if so, to what extent it is correct; and

(c) whether Government propose any concrete steps to check this and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (c) Professional blood donation has been banned with effect from 1-1-1998. All the blood banks have been instructed by the Drugs Control authority to be extremely vigilant while screening blood donors to ensure that no professional donor is able to donate blood as a replacement/relative donor. Under the amended Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, it is clearly provided that while screening blood donors, it is to be ensured by the blood bank that the arms and forearms of the blood donors shall be free from skin punctures or scar indicative of professional blood donors. The donor questionnaire also helps in screening out potential professional blood donors. Thus a professional donor can be identified at the stage of screening before blood donation by the attending medical officer/staff of the blood bank.

Poor management of Lady Harding Medical College

2757. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the sorry state of affairs at the Lady Harding Medical College;